

March 12, 2013

To: Chairman Ostmeyer and Committee Members

From: Ron Brown, F.O.P. Legislative Liaison

Subject: Senate Bill 157

Chairman Ostmeyer and Committee Members,

The Kansas Fraternal Order of Police represents thousands of police officers and retired police officers in the State of Kansas. Passage of SB 157 with the addition of the section stating, "... or a law enforcement officer from another state or a retired law enforcement officer meeting the requirements of the federal law enforcement officers' safety act, U.S.C. 926B and 926C..." would be of benefit to our citizens and would enhance the protection of the public. Our fellow officers from other states and our retired officers are out in our community on a daily basis. These officers are trained and ready to assist when called upon. They have gone through extensive training with regard to use of force policy, the proper usage of firearms and are required to qualify on a yearly basis with the weapon they carry. The passage of this bill will provide additional security for our citizens and provide for a safer Kansas. On behalf of the FOP I encourage you to pass SB 157.

Sincerely,

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